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1. US-SPANISH ACCORD: ANNOUNCEMENT OF AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE FOR RENEWAL OF U.S. BASES AGREEMENT GIVEN VERY LIGHT PLAY IN PORTUGUESE MEDIA COMPARED WITH CONTINUED HEAVIER PLAY ON AFTERMATH OF PROTESTS REGARDING EXECUTION OF TERRORISTS. INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST "JORNAL NOVO" OF OCT. 6 PUBLISHED INSIDE-PAGE NEWS REPORT ON U.S. -SPANISH ACCORD WHICH INCLUDED THIS PARAGRAPH: "THE APPARENT SUCCESS OF THE (SPANISH FONMIN) MAURI MISSION IN THE U.S. CAN BE INTERPRETED AS A VICTORY FOR FRANCO'S DIPLOMACY, WHICH IS IN OBVIOUS DIFFICULTIES THESE DAYS. THIS WILL SHOW THE WORLD WASHINGTON'S 'UNDERSTANDING' FOR THE SPANISH REGIME DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME IT IS HAVING."

2. EEC ASSISTANCE FOR PORTUGAL: MODERATE PLAY IS BEING GIVEN FOR REPORT THAT EEC WILL LEND PORTUGAL 100 MILLION DOLLARS (OR LESS, DEPENDING UPON WHICH REPORT ONE READS). REPORTS USUALLY METNIION THAT FONMIN MELO ANTUNES HOPES TO TALK WITH SECSTATE KISSINGER IN NEW YORK, HIS NEXT STOP AFTER MEETING WITH EEC MINISTERS IN LUXEMBOURG.

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